Second Member of Council —

There is no question of any interference except that they are required to worship God from outside according to the long existing practice.

BY MESSRS. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, J. SHAMA JOIS and HONNIAH HEGGADE (Koppa Taluk); B. N. SUBBA RAO (Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk).—

Q—16. Will the Government be pleased to state what effective steps have been taken or are intended to be taken by Government in the direction of introducing hand-spinning in schools, in pursuance of the resolutions discussed in this Assembly ? (Birthday Session, 1925, and October Session, 1925.)

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—16. Orders have been issued for the introduction of the scheme of cotton spinning as a subject of practical instruction in ten rural Middle Schools, one at least in each district, with effect from 1st June 1926.

BY MESSRS. S. HONNAPPIAH and RAMAPPAGOWDA (Chickmagalur Taluk).—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to give information on the following:—

(*a*) (i) Number of motor buses running for hire in the State; and

(ii) the buses registered and re-registered during each of the years 1924-25 and 1925-26;

(iii) the registration and re-registration fees recovered in each of these years and their distribution to—

(1) Provincial Funds, (2) District Funds.

(*b*) How the mileage so assigned to each of these funds is being expended?

(*c*) What is the length of the road maintained by each District Board ?

(*d*) Are the District Boards spending this extra income on the improvement of such of the District Fund roads upon which buses are permitted to ply for hire?

(*e*) The length of each of the District Fund roads

upon which buses are allowed to ply, the amount of fees recovered in respect of each of them and the extra amount spent on these roads by each of the District Boards during the two years 1924-25 and 1925-26.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—17. (*a*) to (*e*) Information has been called for and will be furnished to the member on receipt.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Honnappiah.—

Will the Government be pleased to state in how many days the information promised can be furnished ?

Dewan.—

It will be furnished as soon as it is collected, say, within a week or so.

BY MESSRS. S. HONNAPPIAH and RAMAPPAGOWDA (Chickmagalur Taluk).—

Q—18. Will the Government be pleased to give information on the following:—

(*a*) When was the Well-boring Expert appointed ?

(*b*) (i) What is his pay ?

(ii) The monthly cost of the establishment given to him.

(iii) Cost of the machinery supplied to him up to date.

(*c*) Definite duties assigned to him.

(*d*) The names of wells he has bored since his appointment (districtwar).

(*e*) How many districts he has visited and how many days he has toured ever since his appointment ?

(*f*) What is the percentage of the cost of entertaining the expert and his establishment compared with that of the actual expenditure on well works which he has so far been entrusted with ?

(*g*) Does the work turned out by him justify the further continuance of this establishment ?

(*h*) Cannot better progress be shown by District Boards in the sinking of wells with strict supervision over the work of the present Sanitary Inspectors under them ?